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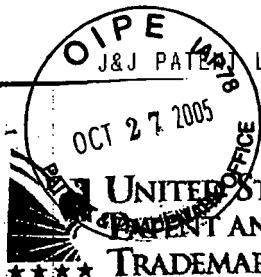
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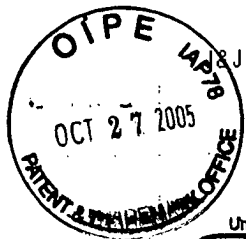
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William T. Donofrio (L.S.)  
William T. DONOFRIO

STATE OF Ohio )  
COUNTY OF Franklin ) ss.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 30th day of August, 2001, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared William T. DONOFRIO, who I am satisfied is the person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and I having first made known to him the contents thereof, he did acknowledge that he signed, sealed, and delivered the same as his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Patricia Anne Jara  
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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, William T. DONOFRIO, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 8755 Tanagerwoods Drive, Cincinnati OHIO 45249; (hereinafter called "Assignor"), has made certain new and useful inventions or discoveries relating to

### DETECTION CIRCUITRY FOR SURGICAL HANDPIECE SYSTEM BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

for which he has executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States, and

WHEREAS, Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc., a corporation formed under the laws of the State of Ohio, (hereinafter called "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring Assignors' entire right, title, and interest therein:

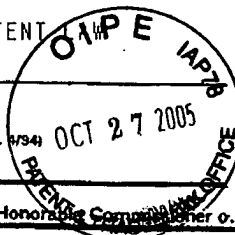
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